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SAN PEDRO BATTLES TO HALT WORK ON OUTFALL SEWER LINE

Project Considered Vital To Torrance Industries Is Delayed
90 Days Following Protest
Meeting

Temporary delay in construction of the proposed \$2,750,000 White Point outfall sewer, to serve sanitation districts embracing Torrance, Gardena and adjacent areas, loomed today as the result of a hearing Tuesday afternoon before directors of districts No. 1, 2, 5, and 8.

Called to give San Pedro and Wilmington residents opportunity to voice their protest against the outfall, the presence of two court reporters indicated that every word of the two-hour hearing would be produced in court within the next few days by Lloyd Nix, attorney, to support a plea for a new trial of the condemnation for the outfall right-of-way. Nix, attorney for Roman D. Sepulveda and the Averill Estate, gave notice of appeal last month following a \$14,208 damage award by a jury in the superior court.

Nix, after presenting to the directors what was supposed to be an imposing array of protests against the outfall, and after he had offered statements in support of a treatment plant, was ably answered by Mayor R. V. Darby of Inglewood.

"If you people who are protesting the outfall can produce for us a market for the water which you propose to reclaim at this treatment plant, we will supply the water. We are just as vitally interested in water conservation as you are. However, we are also interested in the situation that is down and if assurance can be given us that this water can be sold for irrigation purposes I believe the directors of these districts will put in a treatment plant." H. L. Crusan, who said he represented "two of the largest taxpayers" as well as the sewerage committee of the County Conservation Association, has previously urged a treatment plant to aid in reclamation of water.

Nix, obviously to support his motion for an appeal on behalf of his client, Sepulveda, requested a 90-day delay in start of construction upon the outfall, and asked that a "committee of competent local engineers" be appointed to re-survey the situation with regard to a treatment plant.

At the conclusion of the proponents' arguments, Mayor Jones of Hawthorne presented a resolution asking a 90-day delay on start of work, and appointment of a committee. One group of directors opposed it, another took it under advisement, and two others adopted it. Chairman Frank L. Shaw of the board of supervisors, acting as chairman of the meeting, and Council President Charles H. Randall, were the "directors," both ex-officio, of one of the groups that adopted the resolution.

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NEW DATE FOR OPENING WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Not Ready for Ceremonies
Jan. 27 Says Dr.
Smiley

Postponement of the formal opening of the Redondo-Torrance health center, to a later date not yet fixed, was announced this week by Dr. H. C. Smiley, health officer in charge of the institution.

The opening was tentatively set for January 27, but according to Dr. Smiley, the health center is not yet completely in readiness for public inspection.

It has been found necessary since the two county departments moved into the building last week to make a few minor changes, and as yet all the equipment needed has not been put in place. As soon as the arrangements are complete, Dr. Smiley states, an announcement of the date of opening will be forthcoming.

Thirteen Winter Graduates At Torrance High To Get Diplomas

Streets Leading
To Fern School
Are To Be Paved

Eldorado and Sonoma avenues, leading to the new Fern avenue school, were ordered surfaced with rock and oil by the city council Tuesday night. At present the streets for a block adjacent to the new school are almost impassable during rainy weather. A roadway 18 feet wide will be paved at city expense, estimated by City Engineer Leonard to cost approximately \$150. The Los Angeles board of education constructed a pavement on its own property connecting the school with Torrance boulevard, but as most of the pupils at the new school reach the building over Sonoma and Eldorado avenues, the city council decided to surface these roadways in order to make them passable in wet weather. About 450 feet of pavement will be laid.

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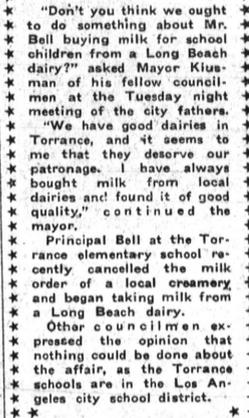
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Mayor Klusman gave an interesting report of the sewer district meeting to his fellow councilmen at the Tuesday night meeting. He said he asked the San Pedro delegation that if the sewer work could be made as pure as they claimed it could be made, then what objection could they have to dumping it in the ocean. Klusman stated that he also defended Chief Engineer A. K. Warren, stating that all the money which Warren had spent had been properly appropriated by the sewer districts' boards of directors.

A. K. Warren, chief engineer of the county sanitation districts, stated today that no further action toward construction of the sewer would be taken until a meeting of directors of all the districts is held February 2 at the Hall of Records.

Torrance Baby Movie Star To Be Seen In "War Babies" Sat.



EUGENE BUTLER

An added attraction to the bill at the Torrance Theatre Saturday will present for the first time in Torrance, this city's baby movie star, Eugene Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler, 1915 Marcella avenue. Eugene has the leading role in "War Babies" where he appears as Capt. Gag. "War Babies" is an amusing burlesque of the well-known stage and film production, "What Price Glory." Capt. Gag is a woe, Sgt. Flirt a real go-getter where the ladies are concerned, and Gloria the heroine will captivate all.

The play is the first of a series of "Baby Burlesks" in which the parts will be taken by children ranging in age from 18 months to four years. "War Babies" will be shown both afternoon and evening next Saturday. Eugene will make a personal appearance on the stage at 2 o'clock at the matinee. This picture, which was filmed several months ago, has been eagerly awaited by Torrance fans, who are anxious to see the clever little Torrance boy in action.

Two More Young Men Face Charges In "Lovenest" Case

W. R. Thompson, attached to the U. S. Marine base at San Pedro, and Clarence Carter, 757 E. Lincoln street, Wilmington, arrested in connection with the affair involving six Wilmington school girls of tender years, were arraigned in the Eomita Justice court Monday afternoon on statutory charges.

Ball was set in each case at \$1500, and the preliminary hearing was set for Friday, January 27, at 10 o'clock.

With the arrest of Thompson and Carter, the number of young men involved in the affair was brought up to nine.

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Rev. F. A. Zeller opened the services with readings from the Scripture. Rev. G. G. Schmid offered a prayer, and a male quartet, composed of Dr. W. J. Neelander, C. A. Curtis, C. B. Bell and Fred Lessing, sang two selections. The simple but impressive church service was concluded by a brief summary of the life of the departed by Rev. O. D. Wonder, who spoke as follows:

"Laura McConaughy Post, daughter of James and Harriet McConaughy, was born in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1854, and entered into eternal rest on January 26, 1933.

Community Mourns Loss of Its Beloved Citizen

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Leonard Volunteers To Raise Milk Fund For New Haven Folk

Following a report made by Dr. A. C. Van Velzer of Gardena in charge of health work at New Haven Colony at Vermont avenue and 220th street to the Torrance city council Tuesday night, City Engineer Frank Leonard volunteered to get a donation of \$10 per month for a milk fund for the children.

There are 62 children in the colony, many of whom are in dire need of milk to maintain their health. Dr. Van Velzer stated, and he sought aid from the Torrance city council. On account of the colony being located outside the Torrance city limits, it is not possible for the city to take legal steps toward contributing to a milk fund, members of the city council informed Dr. Van Velzer.

Mathews was placed under arrest and arraigned in the local justice court Tuesday morning where he was held under \$1000 bond to appear at a preliminary hearing January 31 at 10 o'clock.

Among other articles found at Mathews place were two bottles of alleged liquor, 25 stakes which were identified as city property, a number of phonograph records, said to have been taken from the high school two years ago, a garden hose and a lawnmower which Mathews admitted had been stolen from an address at the south end of Gramercy avenue near Plaza del Amo three months ago. Officers who endeavored to find the owner of these two articles were unsuccessful. It is thought that an inspection of the collection at Mathews' address may lead to the identification and recovery of other property stolen in Torrance and persons who have suffered recent losses may apply at the police station for permission to look it over.

Cravens Ave. To Be Paved Across Torrance Blvd.

Cravens avenue was ordered extended across the Pacific Electric tracks on Torrance boulevard by the city council Tuesday night following the receipt of an easement from the Pacific Electric Company over its right-of-way for the crossing. The extension of the pavement will be done at city expense and will relieve a bad traffic condition.

Lewis M. Wright, 41, son of Councilman and Mrs. Joseph Wright, died suddenly at his home in Cambridge, Mass., last week following an attack of pneumonia and pleurisy. He leaves a wife and two children, one and four years old. The news of the young man's passing came as a shock to his parents in Torrance, who did not know of his serious condition.

Amateur Sleuth Ends Successful Hunt For Motor

Weeks of "shopping around" at various junk yards in the district, carried on by Robert L. Porter, partner of George D. Watson in the P. & W. machine shop, led to the recovery of two motors and other property which had been stolen from the company on November 14, 1932, and the arrest of John Doe Mathews, 1408 Cota avenue, also known as "Chick" Mathews, who gave his true name as Henry Mathews at his arraignment Tuesday morning.

The P. & W. machine shop, located then at 1827 213th street, was burglarized some time during the night of November 14, according to a report made to the city police the following day. Entrance was gained by breaking in a door. Two motors, a number of porcelain sockets for electric lights, a broom and a shovel, and other articles were taken, amounting in value to about \$100.

Mr. Porter began a check of junk yards in this district, ostensibly to buy a motor, and his search was finally successful when he located one of the stolen motors at a junk yard on Alameda street. According to the records which all junk dealers are required to keep of the persons from whom the purchases are made, the machine had been offered for sale by one "Ed Young." The license number of the man's car gave the clue to his identity and whereabouts and led the deputy sheriffs and local city police to the home of Mathews in this city.

Cash Waits Claimant Said To Be Former Torrance Resident

Does any Torrance resident know the whereabouts of Hannah Bardier, whose last address was Torrance? There is \$982.11 waiting for her at the California Bank in Los Angeles, according to a notice published this week in a legal newspaper. Arthur C. Brett, cashier, said that the money had been unclaimed for more than 10 years, and that relatives have made no effort to obtain it.

The state bank act provides that the bank must advertise the amounts if unclaimed for more than 10 years. After 20 years, Brett explained, the unclaimed amounts accrue to the state, through the procedure of the state suing for the amount.

A check of old directories of Torrance and adjacent territory published since 1922 failed to show Hannah Bardier listed as a resident of this community.

Income Tax Deputy Here In February

A deputy from the office of the collector of internal revenue will be in Torrance, February 15-16, to assist local residents in preparing their income tax reports. He will make his headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce.

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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS ARE TALKED OVER BY COUNCILMEN

Standard Oil Thwarts Way For Early Improvement of
Sepulveda. Other Streets and
Roads Discussed

Highways and street improvements in and near Torrance came up for a liberal airing at the city council meeting Tuesday night. Among the roadways discussed for improvement out of the city's share of the proposed gasoline tax were Sepulveda boulevard, Torrance boulevard, and

Cabrillo, Prairie, Western and Cedar avenues.

Standard Oil Company has opposed the plan to widen and improve the two-and-one-half-mile section of Sepulveda boulevard from Hawthorne avenue east through the city, struck a snag when councilmen branded the stipulations imposed by the Standard Oil Company through the company's property as "impossible." Attorneys for the Standard Oil asked the city to take care of moving utilities lines, of re-conditioning pipe lines that might be in need of repair, and to use the company's own patented process paying in improving the highway, according to City Engineer Frank Leonard. The oil company also reserved the right to enter the right-of-way at any time and move utilities lines without consent from the city, which condition, according to the city engineer, would preclude the possibility of the highway ever being taken over as a state highway.

"Does the Standard Oil Company realize that by taking this attitude, it is depriving men of employment?" asked Councilman Lindlow. The early improvement of Sepulveda boulevard has been counted on as one of the important projects for relieving unemployment in this community.

City Engineer Leonard expressed the opinion that the oil company was making an effort to sell its patented process paving, contrary to the city's previously announced policy of using asphaltic concrete, which is also a petroleum product, but which affords the city the advantage of securing competitive bids, because asphaltic concrete is not a patented process. Leonard pointed out that the Western Pacific Oil Company owned as much frontage on the proposed boulevard extension as the Standard Oil and that the C. C. M. O. has an even greater frontage than either of the other companies.

The city engineer was instructed by the council to draft a letter to the Standard Oil setting forth the opinions of the city.

Prairie Avenue
City Attorney Jensen reported that the city's suit against the General Petroleum Corporation for acquiring a right-of-way for Prairie avenue through the company's holding would come up for trial in about 45 days. General Road Commissioner Jones, answering the city's complaint now, Jensen said.

Cedar Avenue
City Engineer Leonard reported that in answer to his request that the General Petroleum grant a right-of-way through its property for the extension of Cedar avenue, he had been informed by officials of the company's land department that the G. P. was opposed to any streets bisecting its 1000-acre site in the northern portion of the city.

Torrance Boulevard
Cravens interests have a new proposition for deeding a wider right-of-way for Torrance boulevard, City Engineer Leonard said he had been informed by County Commissioner Jones. The new proposal calls for only ten additional feet in width instead of 25 feet, Leonard said.

Cabrillo Avenue
Councilman Earl Corner renewed the old proposal for improving Cabrillo avenue between the Pacific Electric tracks, and of extending the street as a through highway. Mayor Klusman agreed that the improvement of Cabrillo was important, but stated that in his opinion it would be better for the present to get behind the "Through Western Avenue" movement which is now organizing in the communities north of Torrance. The mayor stated that he believed Supervisor Quinn would agree to put through Western avenue if sufficient public support for the project could be obtained. Klusman also intimated that Quinn would rather see Western avenue improved through Torrance to the harbor than to spend \$300,000 on the proposed Vanderlip scenic drive through the Palos Verdes hills.

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WAS 'DUCHESS' TURNED INTO SOAP?



Victoria Vinton, film actress, identified a horse's hide as the former glossy coat of Duchess, a riding horse owned by Mrs. Violet Foster of Los Angeles. Mrs. Foster charged Jess Anderson and Norven Strange with stealing the mare and selling it to a rending plant to be made into soap. The men were ordered held for trial.

The sale of stolen automobile parts, stripped from parked cars, will be made more difficult in Torrance, following the adoption of an ordinance requiring second hand automobile dealers and auto wrecking yards to report all purchases to the city police department. The proposed ordinance, which was ordered drafted by the city council Tuesday night, will conform to similar ordinances now in effect in the county and a number of municipalities.